



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Kim L. Richardson

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For: Method for Creating
Interactive On-Line
Memorials for Funeral
Homes

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Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 26, 2002

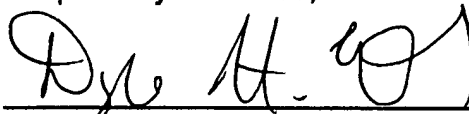
This is in response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 26, 2002. This response is timely.

In the Office Action, claims 15-34 were subjected to a restriction requirement, in which claims 24-34 ("Invention I") were said to be distinct from claims 15-23 ("Invention II"). Applicant traverses the restriction, on grounds that the Examiner has not demonstrated distinctness between Inventions I and II. Nevertheless, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute claims 24-34.

Furthermore, for the convenience of the Examiner, Applicant notes that a related co-pending CIP application has also been filed by Applicant, which to Applicant's knowledge has not been assigned to an Examiner, but which has been published as Pub. No. US 2002/0022962 A1.

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 26, 2002. Any questions or further requirements, formal or informal, should be directed to the undersigned at 713-623-4844.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dye H. Elliott", written over a horizontal line.

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